

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Charles Kenneth Phillips, on his selection as Tennessee Elementary Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding principals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Kenneth Phillips is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ken Phillips has recently been selected as this year's Tennessee Elementary Principal of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a principal as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips, a distinguished gentleman and scholar, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Lee College, a Master of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University, a certification in Administration and Supervision (Elementary and Secondary) from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and a Doctor of Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, while at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Dr. Charles Kenneth Phillips worked with two other doctoral candidates to design an innovative Educational

Technology Course for the cohort; this past spring he helped teach the course to the present Doctoral Cohort from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ken Phillips has served with acumen as an elementary principal for thirteen exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips began his estimable career in 1968 as a teacher and coach at Hopewell Elementary School; in 1976, he transferred to Bradley Central High School, where he served meritoriously as an English teacher and coach; and

WHEREAS, he became principal of Taylor Elementary School in 1988, and under his guidance Taylor Elementary received SACS accreditation, piloted the D.A.R.E. program for Bradley County, and was one of the first schools in Tennessee to start an inclusive program for Special Education; last year, it was one of six Bradley Schools to pilot a Character Education Program; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Charles Kenneth Phillips' dynamic leadership Taylor Elementary School became recognized as a technology and science leader; it was one of the first Bradley County Schools to establish a WEB presence, which Dr. Phillips designed and created; the school also has the Intranet, and two years ago Dr. Phillip submitted a Goals 2000 grant proposal that obtained the funding for \$32,500 worth of hands-on science materials; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Dr. Ken Phillips emphasis on science, one of his teachers was honored as one of ten national recipients of the State Farm's Good Neighbor Award; and

WHEREAS, he was duly selected to serve as a peer coach for beginning principals and is a Career Ladder III educator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Kenneth Phillips is a valued member of the State Steering Committee for the Tennessee Principals Study Council, and has served faithfully as a past chairman of the Region 5 Principals Study Council, a former president of Bradley County Principals Association, a two-time past President of Bradley County Education Association, and has served on numerous Bradley County Education committees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips has been an active and distinguished member of many professional organizations, including the Bradley County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the National Education Association, and the Tennessee Principals Study Council; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional responsibilities, Dr. Phillips lends his time and remarkable talents to the Taylor Ruritan Club, and serves on the Fund Distribution Committee for the United Way of Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips in his spare time enjoys reading, traveling and is an avid fisherman; and

WHEREAS, he truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, teachers, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phillips truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Charles Kenneth Phillips on being chosen as Tennessee Elementary Principal of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.